

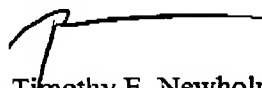
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REMARKS

New claims 22-37 have been added. The new claims have been added to claim the catheter introducer and method of use of the previous claims in slightly different scope. Entry of the amendments and early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1170 the amount of \$230 for payment of the additional claims fees, including 16 claims in excess of 20 (\$144) and 2 independent claims in excess of 3 (\$86) by a *small* entity. No additional fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170 in connection with this or any other communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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